

BOOK REVIEWS

Travelers All

Travelers All, How Plants Go Places. By Irma E. Webber, 32 pp. Figures in color on each page. New York: William R. Scott, Inc. 1944. \$1.25.

Dr. Webber's book is a charming survey of seed and fruit dispersal presented in a manner that easily captivates the interests of youngsters and even teen age students. In it the author illustrates colorfully, accurately and attractively all of the common methods of dispersal by examples of well known or wide spread plants. The text is written simply and interestingly. Although vocabulary and interest levels are planned with the elementary school child in mind, this little book could serve well, when the plants themselves are not available, as illustrative material for the junior high and senior high school student especially in large cities where plants are so little known. Obvious effort was carefully exerted to avoid any botanical errors. But the most amateur zoologist or even John Doe would wince at the blue eyed, red headed, white squirrel eating an acorn on page 27. "Travelers All" is a welcome addition to any home, school or public library where young people come in with eager eyes and questions.

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A Canoe Trip in the Far North

The Arctic Prairies. By Ernest Thompson Seton. xi + 308 pp. Illustrated. New York: International University Press. Republished 1943. \$3.50.

In the summer of 1927, while traveling along the north shore of McLeod Bay in Great Slave Lake, we came upon the inscription "Seton 1907" blazoned on the vertical faces of the cliffs. The inscription marked Mr. Seton's journey to the "Barren Grounds," described and illustrated in his delightful book, "The Arctic Prairies" (Scribner's, 1911). It is a pleasure to welcome a new printing of this volume (International University Press, 1943), and to pay tribute to its author. The book is of particular value in these days when thousands of people are having to adjust themselves to life in the subarctic wilderness. For the book is more than a mere chronology of events; it is an authentic, living account of the country and of the author's reactions to it.

By some stroke of good fortune my wife and I acquired and read "The Arctic Prairies" before ever we embarked upon our botanical journeyings in the Mackenzie country. I say good fortune because I am not sure that we